Fire in Kunnamkulam.

387. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how many houses in Kunnamkulam Town were burnt down by fire in Kumbham 1105;

(b) how many fire engines there are in the above town;

(c) where are they stationed;

(d) whether any step has been taken by the Government to prevent such out-breaks of fire in the town and consequent destruction of property;

(e) whether a committee had not been appointed by the Government in 1104 to submit proposals for preventing such out-breaks of fire in Trichur Town;

(f) what are the recommendations of the above committee?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Eighty-one.

(b) One.

(c) In the shed near the Police Station.

(d) Please vide answer to sub-division (b).

(e) Yes.

(f) A list of the resolutions passed by the committee is given below.

List of Resolutions.

1. In future thatched houses or structures should not be allowed to be constructed within the town, especially in the congested localities.

2. Offensive and dangerous trades, such as coffee shops, hotels, etc., should not be allowed to be conducted in sheds thatched with inflammable materials.

3. Licenses for the storage of firewood, timber and other inflammable materials should not be given in the crowded localities.

4. An efficient fire brigade should be maintained under the supervision of the Commissioner of Police.

5. A tank of 10,000 gallons capacity should be constructed on the Thekkinkad Maidan to store water solely for fire fighting purposes and to instal fire hydrants at suitable places for the distribution of water and to connect the same with the main system of pipes.

Representation in service.

388. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 246 and its answer of the Legislative Session of the current year, will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether any explanation has been called for from the officers who made appointments in 1104 in the Departments of (1) Public Works, (2) Agriculture and Panchayats, (3) Anchal, (4) Magisterial, (5) Jail and (6) Legislative

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